

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 3-11 are pending and under consideration in the above-identified application. Claims 7-10 are withdrawn in a prior paper.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 were rejected, and Claim 4 was objected to because of informalities. Claims 4 and 11 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim.

In this Amendment, Claim 1 is amended, and Claim 4 is cancelled. No new matter was introduced as a result of this amendment.

Accordingly, Claims 1, 3, 5, 6 and 11 are now at issue.

**I. Objection to Claims**

The objection to Claim 4 is now moot in view of its cancellation, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

**II. 35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims**

Claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 2003187969 to Iwase et al. ("Iwase") and in further view of U.S. Patent 6,635,989 to Nilsson et al. ("Nilsson")

Claims 4 and 11 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base Claim 1, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base Claim 1 and any intervening claims.

As such, Claim 1 was amended by incorporating all of the substantive limitations of Claim 4. Thus, Claim 1 is patentable over Iwase and Nilsson, as are dependent Claims 3, 5, 6 and 11 for at least the same reasons.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that these claim rejections be withdrawn.

**III. Conclusion**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that Claims 1, 3, 5, 6 and 11 are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

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